Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Harold and Crystal Hanson exchanged their wedding vows on May 4, 1943, at Crystal's mother's home in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Harold and Crystal have always been proud of the fact that the first Joe Foss Day and Parade were held on their wedding day, and Harold was sent overseas shortly thereafter to serve in World War II, from September 1943 until November 1945; and,

Whereas, Harold and Crystal gave life and love to one son, Harlan, with whom they now reside in Sioux Falls; and,

Whereas, The newly-wed couple of 60 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Harold and Crystal have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2003, as

HAROLD & CRYSTAL HANSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State